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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Keith E. LeJeune et al.
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RESPONSE

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 6, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the claims in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge and confirm that Claims 11-30 have been canceled without prejudice as a result of the restriction requirement set forth in the Office